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SUBJECT: DEPARTURE OF AALC REPRESENTATIVE FROM NIGERIA

REF: ACCRA 3272, LAGOS 4511 (NOTAL), LAGOS 4607 (NOTAL)

1. STORY PICKED UP BY DUPONT IS PARTIALLY CORRECT. AALC REPRESENTATIVE AND DIRECTOR OF TRADE UNION INSTITUTE, JOHN "NATE" GOULD, DEPARTED LAGOS MAY 16 AFTER BEING NOTIFIED BY "REPATRIATION" LETTER DATED MAY 13 THAT HIS PRESENCE IN NIGERIA "NO LONGER REQUIRED." EMBASSY LABATT DONALD R. KNIGHT NOT REPEAT NOT EXPELLED FROM NIGERIA. FMG HOWEVER HAS ATTEMPTED TO RESTRICT KNIGHT'S ACTIVITIES, SENDING A NOTE FEBRUARY 18 ASKING THAT EMBASSY "TERMINATE ALL ACTIVITIES IN RESPECT OF LABOR MATTERS," AND SUGGESTING THAT EMBASSY "EFFECTUATE, IF NECESSARY, (KNIGHT'S) REASSIGNMENT." SECOND STRONGER NOTE REQUESTED THAT KNIGHT CEASE ALL CONTACTS WITH NIGERIAN LABOR AND DECLARED THAT PRESENCE OF LABOR ATTACHES IN NIGERIA IS "INADMISSABLE.. IN RESPONSE TO THIS PRESSURE KNIGHT HAS ASSUMED LOW PROFILE, RESTRICTING HIS LABOR CONTACTS LARGELY TO THOSE WHO VISIT HIM AT EMBASSY.

2. COMMENT: ULC FACTION LED BY GENERAL SECRETARY ODEYEMI AND/OR PRESIDENT KALTUNGO, PRINCIPAL HOLDOUTS AGAINST NIGERIAN LABOR MERGER, HAVE PRIVATELY ACCUSED BOTH GOULD AND LABATT KNIGHT OF SUPPORTING LABOR UNIFICATION. THEY
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HAVE APPARENTLY ELICITED FMG SUPPORT AGAINST GOULD AND

KNIGHT FOR MEDDLING IN NATION'S (I. E. ULC'S) INTERNAL
AFFAIRS. PRINCIPAL PROBLEM FOR BOTH KNIGHT/GOULD IS
RELATED TO EFFORTS BY GOULD TO SEVERLY CONTROL USE AALC
FUNDS FOR TUI AND RESTRICT ACCESS ULC OFFICERS TO THESE
FUNDS. KNIGHT HAS SUPPORTED THIS EFFORT AND THERFORE BEEN
TARRED WITH SAME BRUSH AS GOULD.
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